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## *Community-level peace actors share best practices in prevention and mitigation of pastoral conflicts*



*Workshop participants visit a photo exhibition of Member State initiatives in prevention and mitigation of pastoral conflicts*

organizations from these countries presented and deliberated on selected case-based experiences with the aim of strengthening the capacity of local-level peace actors and enhancing the effectiveness of their interventions.

The President of Southern Nations Nationalities and Peoples Region of Ethiopia Mr. Shiferaw Shegute who opened the workshop highlighted various initiatives being undertaken by the Government of Ethiopia to achieve peace and sustainable development in pastoral

CEWARN in collaboration with GIZ-Germany conducted a three-day dialogue workshop on best practices in local response strategies from 21-23 February in Hawassa Town, Ethiopia.

The workshop brought together community-level peace actors as well as governmental and non-governmental stakeholders from the cross-border areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan and Uganda that shared their best practices in local response strategies that have proven successful in mitigation and prevention of cross-border pastoral and related conflicts.

During the workshop, provincial administration officials in CEWARN's areas of operation as well as CEWARN local peace committees and civil society

areas.

He also stressed the importance of the workshop in terms of informing future interventions in Ethiopia as well as all other countries in the region represented at the workshop.

The workshop is part of CEWARN's capacity building initiatives targeted towards local level peace actors in its areas of operation through peer-to-peer learning and experience sharing.

Senior government officials of participating countries, representatives of partner institutions as well as community-level governmental and non-governmental stakeholders also took part in the dialogue workshop.♦

## **CEWARN participates at the 7<sup>th</sup> AU-RECs Quarterly Technical Meeting**

CEWARN participated and contributed to the seventh quarterly technical meeting between the early warning mechanisms of the African Union (AU) and African Regional Economic Communities (RECs) on the development and operationalization of the Continental Early warning System (CEWS) in Tunis, Tunisia on 1-3 December 2010.

The quarterly meetings serve as forums for facilitation of harmonization efforts amongst these institutions towards establishing a continental early warning system. They also provide an opportunity for experience sharing particularly for the benefit of RECs whose early warning systems are at earlier stages of development and operationalization.

At the seventh quarterly meeting hosted by Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD), African RECs including COMESA, EAC, ECCAS, ECOWAS, IGAD and SADC as well as the African Union presented an update of their activities and harmonization efforts since the previous meeting held on 2-4 August 2010 in Gaborone, Botswana.

The meeting also involved a two-day training of delegates on the CEWS Strategic Conflict Assessment (SCA) Methodology which is to be used for strategic analysis and reporting on violent conflicts.♦

## ***More News on Linkages...***

### **"Best and promising Practices" seminar for Central and East Africa**

CEWARN participated and contributed to a panel in the Seminar on cross-border and pastoral violence in the Horn of Africa region. The seminar was organized by the Geneva Declaration (GD) on Armed Violence and Development; UNDP and UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (UNREC), and held on 23-25 February in Nairobi, Kenya.

CEWARN also participated and contributed to...

**...a Validation workshop of a study on exploring the socio-economic sustainable Livelihoods outcomes of the 1973 Turkana-Matheniko Communal peace pact** from 7-9 March 2011 In Addis Ababa.

**...a Review Meeting of the draft publication on assessment of the role of NGOs, CSOs in promoting governance in Africa** from 7-8 March in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

## **CEWARN concludes a Framework of Cooperation with UPEACE**



*CEWARN Ag. Director Mr. Raymond Kitevu (right) and Dr. Jean Bosco Butera, Director of the African Programme for United Nations' University of Peace*

The Acting Director of CEWARN Mr. Raymond Kitevu and Dr. Jean Bosco Butera, Director of the African Programme of United Nations University of Peace (UPEACE) signed a Framework of Cooperation (2010-2012) between CEWARN and UPeace towards collaboration on capacity building programmes in areas such as research, training and internship. The signing ceremony took place on 10 December at the CEWARN Office in Addis Ababa.

The cooperation agreement is aimed at implementing activities in the stated areas based on shared interests and objectives by the two organizations. Planned activities are believed to significantly enhance the effectiveness of CEWARN's Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution (CPMR) interventions in the region. ♦

## ***Upcoming events:***

- o The ICT4Peace Project evaluation and planning meeting, 23 March 2011 in Kampala, Uganda.
- o Planning Meeting on CPMR activities for Year 2011 along the Ethio-Kenya border in the Somali Cluster, 24 March 2011 in Kampala, Uganda
- o CEWARN – CEWERU consultative meeting on CEWARN's regional response programmes and initiatives from 25-26 March 2011 in Kampala, Uganda.

## Pictorial



Mr. Shiferaw Shegute, President of the Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples' Regional State of Ethiopia (guest of honor) and Ms. Sonja Vorwerk-Halve from GIZ-Germany which was a collaborating partner of CEWARN for the Dialogue Workshop on Best Practices in Local Response Strategies held on 21-23 February 2010



From Left: World-renowned Kenyan Marathon runner Amb. Dr. Tegla Loroup; Workshop co-facilitator Ms. Dekha Ibrahim as well as Ms. Mary Mariach and Ms. Rukia Subow from Kenya at the Best Practices Dialogue Workshop.



Delegates from Uganda to the Dialogue workshop salute delegates from other countries.



Mr. Hussein Mohammed, member of CEWARN local peace committee from Dikhil region in Djibouti presented a case study of successful community led peace initiative and agreement in 2006 between the Afar and Issa of Dikhil region.



Ms. Rukia Subow presented on the role of women in Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution (CPMR) in Kenya and highlighted as successful case studies - women leadership in peace initiatives in Wajir against inter-clan conflict as well as reconciliation efforts following Kenyan post-election violence.



Mr. Abdi Ibrahim from Somalia presented on a case study of successful collaboration between the TFG of Somalia and Government of Kenya on the Gare-Marehan Peace Accord in 2005



Mr. Admassu Lokaley from Ethiopia presented a successful case study of the role of shepherds as peace agents in South Omo Zone of Ethiopia.